

## THE STATE.

### Michigan Dairymen.

The fourth annual convention of Michigan dairymen was held in Adrian on the 10th and 11th inst. A ter routine business had been disposed of at the first session the following subjects were ably presented: "Early Delivery and Proper Condition of Milk to Ensure Fine Cheese," by H. E. Peabody of Fairfield; "Dairying as an Adjunct to Mixed Farming," by Hon. C. Quick of Weston; and "Making Butter from Forty Cows," by Mrs. E. L. Lockwood of Petersburg.

The program of the afternoon meeting was the most pretentious of the whole meeting. The presence of Gov. Luce and other state celebrities sufficed to draw out a large and enthusiastic audience. Gov. Luce gave a three quarters of an hour speech that bristled with good agricultural logic. He was followed in a pithy address by the Hon. Edwin Willets, president of the Michigan agricultural college. A paper on the "Importance of the Dairy Industry of the Country," by H. C. Pratt of Adrian, and another on "Future Prospects for the American Dairyman," by Robert Gibbons, editor of the Michigan Farmer of Detroit, completed the program.

The topics and the speakers assigned for the evening meeting were: "Milk Producing for City Use," by S. M. Hamilton of Adrian; "The Use of Chemicals for Dairy Purposes," by Samuel Johnson, professor of agricultural college; "Diseases for Successful Dairying," by A. D. Fowler of Northville; "Milk Fever in Cows, Their Care and Treatment," by Dr. A. A. Grange, professor of veterinary science at the agricultural college.

The topics treated at the last session of the convention were: "Insects in connection with domestic animals," by A. J. Cook, professor of entomology at the agricultural college; "How to pay to feed much cows grain or ground feed in summer," by N. E. Strong of Marquette; "Co-operation in dairy experiments," by J. A. Monrad of Chicago; "Necessity for legislation on the care of cows and milk," by E. E. Pickett of Hillsdale; "Diet, cholera, cause and cure," by Dr. Jennings of Detroit. The report of the committee on exhibits was presented. The election of officers resulted: President, C. A. Horton of Fruit Ridge; Vice-president, M. Notter of Holland; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Stowe of Grand Rapids.

### A Fugitive A-Go-Go.

The Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan Swine Breeders' association held its winter meeting in Hillsdale recently. The first paper read was one by C. N. Nusselman of Auburn, Ind., upon the subject of "Feeding for Market." The writer took the position that while a variety of food was essential, corn should be the staple food and foundation of all. An interesting discussion ensued upon the subject and many good thoughts and suggestions brought out. H. Morse of Union City, read a paper, "The Best Age to Wean Pigs and How to Care for Them After Weaning." This paper contained many good points and suggestions. The discussion which followed the reading was spicy and interesting. John Bowditch of Jefferson Hillsdale county, followed with a paper upon the "Best Manner of Advancing Improved Swine," and V. H. Harrow of Lodiwater, one upon the "Value of Expert Judging." Mr. Harrow would have judges for each breed of swine, and only those who were perfectly familiar with all the peculiarities and characteristics of the breed as well as with their good qualities and defects. In the hands of such judges justice would be done, and an incentive given to keep the standard high.

The association passed a resolution that its members would not exhibit at fairs where expert judges were not employed. They also passed resolutions asking the Hillsdale county circuit court to appoint expert judges at the fair this year. The attendance upon the meeting was quite large, and the interest good throughout.

County Poorhouse in Session. The fifteenth annual meeting of the county superintendents of the poor was held in Adrian a few days ago. After several subjects had been discussed the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, J. T. Cobb of Schoolcraft; vice-president, W. N. Angell of Grand Haven; secretary, J. Frank Clark of Big Rapids; treasurer, Jos. B. Norris of Hillsdale. A resolution was passed looking to a consolidation of this association with the association of county agents of the board of corrections and charities.

A large audience attended the closing session to hear the address of Gov. Luce. The speaker reviewed the condition of the state institutions and recommended the construction of an asylum for feeble-minded children. He said the third prison at Marquette is unnecessary, and asked the asylum for insane criminals at Ionia.

### Seymour Elected.

The election in the Eleventh congressional district on the 11th inst. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Seth L. Moffatt, resulted in the election of Henry W. Seymour, the republican candidate. The contest was very close. The democratic and labor nominee, Bartley Green, made a splendid run.

### Wolverine Whisperings.

The Michigan pulp company of Niles has succeeded in making a piece of paste-board 6 inches wide and 37 miles long, and did it without a break in the web. This mill is under the supervision of ex-representative W. S. Millard, formerly a well known officer of the state militia.

The Lehigh Valley has made an alliance with the "Sun" road, and will build two steel cruisers to ply between Buffalo and Gladstone, Mich. These will carry coal westward and flour eastward. The alliance is considered one of the most important yet made by the new line, as it will furnish Minneapolis with coal via Gladstone instead of via Duluth, as heretofore.

Dr. N. B. Way, the physician at the Ionia house of correction, has been removed "for cause."

Elmer C. Cumber of Cadillac jumped from a moving engine the other morning and was drawn under the wheels and crushed to death.

Mrs. Eliza S. Stebbins of Lansing died suddenly a few days ago. She was one of the original workers in the scheme to establish the state reform school for girls at Adrian, now known as the industrial school for girls, and was appointed a member of the first board of control of that institution, and has been on the board ever since, never missing a meeting of that organization, in whose work she took a deep and intelligent interest.

Nine years ago Mayor Dongan of Niles ran a needle into his heel. A few days ago it came out all by itself.

The carcasses of three deer were found on the premises of Asa A. Horton near

Hubbard Lake. Asa couldn't raise the \$30 to pay his fine, and is now in jail.

Prof. Dewey of the university of Michigan, has under consideration a call to the Minnesota state university.

Gov. Luce delivered an address at the republican banquet at Columbus, Ohio, the other night.

Tuscola, Charlevoix and Osceola counties decided in favor of local option on the 14th inst.

Mrs. Della Williams, whose abduction from the home of her father, Nathan C. Branch, by her husband and his relatives, and her subsequent recapture by an excited crowd of Williamston people, formed the basis for the noted Branch-Williams cases at Williamston, is dead. Over a week before her death the last trace of intellectual life in the formerly bright and handsome girl vanished and in a condition of total blindness and imbecility she passed away.

The dam at Liberty Mills, 14 miles south of Jackson, gave way the other day, doing \$1,000 damage.

The annual meeting of Michigan shingle manufacturers and wholesale dealers' association was held in Grand Rapids recently and officers elected as follows: President, S. Frost, Stanton; vice-president, E. P. Lewis, Grand Rapids; secretary and treasurer, George B. Daniels, Stanton. Report rendered showed stocks on hand: 30,577,000 18-inch X X X, 5,015,000 16 X X X, 41,467,000 18 C. B., 5,015,000 16 C. B. Prospects for the future were declared good, and it was decided to hold firm for \$3.05 X X X at the mill for the coming season, although the price was not made binding upon members.

Work will be commenced early in the spring on the Catholic orphan asylum in Grand Rapids for which the late John C. C. left by his will \$60,000. A ten-acre tract of land has been purchased in the northern part of the city. Only a wing of the proposed building will be erected at present, to serve until larger accommodations will be needed. The original fund will be increased by donations and the asylum, when completed, will represent an investment of \$100,000.

Congressman Tarsney, who has been seriously ill in a Washington hospital, is convalescing.

The Bay City public building bill has been favorably reported.

It is reported that a most important decision, affecting Michigan interests, has been reached by the ways and means committee now framing the tariff bill. This is that Michigan's great staples, lumber and salt shall go on the free list.

Mrs. Euphemia Powell, a resident of Battle Creek since 1896, is dead.

George McCarthy, who shot and killed Alfred Carpenter in a Battle Creek saloon, has been held for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

Era B. Dart of Lansing has resigned his position of clerk of the supreme court of Arizona and will return to Michigan.

Patrick O'Rowe alleges that by being ejected from John Lyman's saloon at Adrian recently his wrist was so injured that loss of use of hand resulted, and sued Lyman for \$2,000 damages.

An elm tree 60 years old was cut near Three Rivers a few days ago.

Charles Mills, a young business man of Pontiac, had his leg broken on the toboggan slide the other night.

Mrs. Florence H. Kendall of Grand Rapids has been appointed to a \$1,000 clerkship in the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

It is reported that over 600 shares of Calumet & Hecla stock have been bought by residents of Houghton county recently.

Wellington W. Cumber, Jacob Cumber, E. C. Foster and E. Lapham of Cadillac, James M. Barnett, Henry J. Hollister and John Murray of Grand Rapids, and Judge J. Byron Jenkins of Big Rapids, will form a company to own and cut the pine off 30,000 acres of pine land in Louisiana. They think they will get a billion feet of pine from the tract. Their mill will be a mile from Covington and about 20 from New Orleans.

Duncan Campbell, who was arrested at Kalamazoo for swindling veterans, has been held to the United States court at Grand Rapids in \$1,000 bonds. His scheme was to get a small advance from old soldiers, agreeing to secure them an increase of pension.

Adjutant-Gen. Ainger does not favor proposition to locate military encampment at Lansing.

Mrs. Mary Hardin received judgment at Ionia against Luke and Wm. Hardin of Hubbardston for \$90 for taking away her means of support by making her husband a drunkard.

John Luckey, who served in the rebellion and lost his health through confinement and sufferings in Andersonville prison, died at Cherry Grove, Wexford county.

Cedar Springs wants a canning factory and fruit evaporator.

Bliss & Parson of Saginaw have purchased \$60,000 worth of pine in Wisconsin.

Dr. J. F. Lytzer of Detroit has been appointed dean of the medical faculty of the university, vice Dr. Palmer, deceased.

Burglars secured \$3.0 worth of jewelry from Knapp & Crane's store in North Adams.

The board of regents have decided to increase the salary of the professors in the literary department of the university.

William Craig was fatally injured by falling under a train at New Era.

St. Tammany land and lumber company composed of Messrs. Cumber of Cadillac and Grand Rapids lumbermen, have purchased 80,000 acres of Louisiana pine land, so located as to afford easy shipment of product, and will within five or six years enter upon active operations there.

Three brothers, Jesse, Jeff and Matt Hickey, were arrested in Coldwater recently charged with stealing five span of horses in Wood county, Ohio, in 1881. They will be taken back to Ohio.

The Central Michigan Agricultural society has decided to build a new grand stand to seat not exceeding 5,000 people, and additional sheds, stables and buildings. The society will be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover the cost. Bonds will be issued at three per cent, in 15 years, with interest at three per cent, to the amount of \$20,000, no indebtedness to be binding unless this amount is raised. Life members will be given the preference in the purchase of these bonds.

The Flushing Coal, Stone and Mining company has decided to commence mining coal and making fire brick and sewer pipe and drain the first of April.

Joseph Mattouen, aged 6, a well-known and popular resident of Adrian, fell from

the upper part of his barn, dislocating his neck and sustaining instant death.

George Spangler, city clerk of Lansing, has received a letter from Attorney General Ashford of Hawaiian Islands asking for a copy of Lansing charter, which he thinks of using for local government at Honolulu.

The G. R. & L. depot at Morley, with books, papers, etc., was destroyed by fire the other day.

The asylum for insane criminals at Ionia is over-crowded. Not another one can be received until some of them are discharged.

DETROIT MARKETS.

WHEAT, White..... 85 1/2 @ 85 3/4  
Red..... 85 1/2 @ 85 3/4  
CORN, per bu..... 51 @ 51 1/2  
OATS, "..... 35 @ 35 1/2  
BARLEY, "..... 25 @ 25 1/2  
MALT, "..... 80 @ 80 1/2  
TIMOTHY SEED, per ton..... 25 @ 25 1/2  
CLOVER SEED, per bag..... 3 3/4 @ 3 1/2  
FEED, per ton..... 12 @ 12 1/2  
FLOUR—Michigan, 43..... 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4  
Michigan roller..... 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4  
Minnesota patent..... 5 00 @ 5 1/2  
Minnesota bakers..... 4 1/2 @ 4 50  
Michigan rye..... 3 25 @ 3 50  
Buckwheat, per cwt..... 2 25 @ 2 50  
Apples, new, per bbl..... 2 50 @ 2 75  
BEANS, picked..... 2 00 @ 2 25  
PEAS, "..... 1 80 @ 2 00  
REES, "..... 1 20 @ 1 40  
BUTTER, "..... 12 @ 12 1/2  
CHEESE, per lb..... 12 @ 12 1/2  
DRIED APPLES, per lb..... 3 @ 3 1/2  
EGGS, per doz..... 12 @ 12 1/2  
HONEY, per lb..... 17 @ 18  
Hops, per ton..... 6 @ 8 00  
Hay, per ton, clover..... 7 00 @ 8 00  
" Timothy..... 10 50 @ 11 00  
MAIZE, per bu..... 90 @ 1 05  
ONION, per bbl..... 2 50 @ 2 75  
POTATOES, per bu..... 75 @ 80  
POULTRY—Hens, per lb..... 11 @ 12  
" Turkeys..... 12 @ 13  
Ducks, per lb..... 12 @ 13  
PROVISIONS—Mess Pork..... 15 00 @ 15 25  
" Family, 15 @ 15 50  
Extra medium beef..... 7 50 @ 7 75  
Lard..... 7 @ 7 50  
Dressed hogs..... 6 00 @ 6 25  
Hams..... 11 @ 11 1/2  
Shoulders..... 7 @ 8  
Bacon..... 11 @ 11 1/2  
Tallow, per lb..... 3 @ 3 1/2  
Hides—Green City, per 100..... 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2  
Country..... 5 @ 5 1/2  
Green Cal., per 100..... 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2  
Cured..... 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2  
Sheep, per 100..... 50 @ 50 1/2

CATTLE—Market steady shipping steers, \$3.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.75 to \$2.25; Texas cattle, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

HOGS—Market steady to strong; mixed, \$4.15 to \$4.50; heavy, \$4.00 to \$4.50; light, \$3.50 to \$4.00; skips, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

SHEEP—Market steady; natives, \$3.50 to \$4.00; western, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Texas, \$3.50 to \$4.00; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

MT. VERNON, ILL., IN RUINS.

Two-thirds of the City Wrecked and Burned.

Fearful Loss of Life.

About 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Feb. 19 a cyclone struck Mt. Vernon, Ill., and left it in ruins, killed 30 or 40 people, and it is feared many more than are known to have been killed will be found among the ruins of the buildings. Fire immediately broke out all over the city amid the ruins, spreading rapidly owing to the damage done to the engines by the wind. The storm passed from the southwest and had a rotary motion. It swept down with fearful fury, striking first just south of the city hall, then carried away the third and fourth stories of the Mt. Vernon mill. From there it swept on in a path 50 yards wide. The Methodist church fell just after 30 people had left the Sunday school room. The Commercial hotel lost its third story. Next the wind struck the county court house and rendered it a heap of ruins. By rare luck, however, the county records were saved. The loss cannot be estimated, but not less than half a million dollars of property has been destroyed by the cyclone or fire in that neighborhood.

The story was clear and no clouds gave any intimation of the disastrous storm. Incalculable loss of life and great suffering will follow unless outside assistance is given. The mayor, G. H. Hinton, has given it to the proper committee. A meeting of business men was held and committees appointed to care for the dead and wounded, to protect the property as much as possible. Many persons who escaped with their lives have nothing besides. Many are walking the streets with no home to go to. The north side of the court house square is in ruins.

The wounded are being cared for by the physicians in the best possible manner. The railroad bridge has been damaged and a great number of homes destroyed. The people are out doors who lived in the track of the storm. The dead and dying are scattered throughout the city. All the doors of the remaining houses have been thrown open to the less fortunate. Three-fourths of the business portion of the city is ruined financially. The public square is a scene of confusion. The city hall is in the center of the square, the school building is in the northeast corner of the city and all the dwellings in that portion of the city are destroyed. In all the ruins of some are still burning. In all the buildings are destroyed and many others injured. The dead are now being gathered at the supreme court house, which has been converted into a hospital for the dead and wounded.

Across towards the northeast portion of the city swept the storm, and a number of people were killed and the school building was blown down. Not less than \$300,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the cyclone.

The south portion of Mt. Vernon is the worst part of the city and has many large and fine buildings. The court house has not been injured but it stands alone. All around it is ruin and desolation and it is now being used as a hospital for the dead. Many are suffering greatly.

A pathetic incident of the disaster is the fact that the operator at the Mount Vernon end of the Louisville & Nashville wire, whose name is Yearwood, has an uncle, aunt and cousin dead in the ruins, and the poor fellow, with heart bursting with grief, remained manfully at his post of duty. Four men in Yearwood's bank were imprisoned in the ruins of the building and burned to death. Their cries of pain and distress were agonizing in the extreme but nothing could reach them.

Feeling the Burden.

The British government is opening its eyes to the fact that the drafts upon the treasury by the royal family are growing inordinately large and constantly increasing, and a committee will be appointed at Mr. Gladstone's suggestion to make necessary provisions for his indigent family. It is certain that parliament will not be reluctant to support any more of the queen's family beyond the children of prince of Wales.

## NEWS SUMMARY.

Eight persons were crossing the Mississippi river at La Reussite, La., when the ship was sunk by the swells of a passing steamer and six of the party were drowned.

Senator B. K. Bruce was asked his opinion of the proposed Negro exodus to South America and Liberia. He did not believe there was anything in it. It was being pushed by two classes, one honest, but without experience, and the other sharper. He thought the Negroes had better remain here and be educated to fight their battle at the polls.

Six drunken Hungarians quarreled in a house at Wilkesbarre, Pa. The lamp was overturned, and in an instant the room was in flames and the clothing of those present were on fire. Five of the men and one young girl were roasted to death.

The father of Brooks, the St. Louis murderer, has arrived from England and is now with his son. Both men are confident that the governor will grant a pardon.

A cattle train was telescoped near Stroudsburg, Pa., the other day, and lots of cattle killed.

The executive board of the K. of L. have ordered the striking shoemakers of Cincinnati to return to work.

There is a split in the anti-poverty society, and Dr. McEllynn and Henry George are "out."

The United States supreme court has rendered a decision in the Chinese immigration case of the United States vs. Jung Ah Lung, brought by appeal from the circuit court of the United States for the district of California. The decision of the lower court, by virtue of which Jung Ah Lung was discharged from custody on a writ of habeas corpus, is affirmed. Opinion by Mr. Justice Blatchford, Justices Harlan, Field and Lamar dissenting.

The hospital at St. Albans, Vt., was gutted by fire the other morning. Two of the inmates were burned to death.

The large flour mills near Winona, Minn., were destroyed by fire the other day.

Daniel E. Somes, formerly a member of congress from Maine, but for the last 25 years a resident of Washington, is dead. He was one of the original organizers of the republican party and was a strong supporter of Fremont in 1856.

Henry L. Johnson, chief clerk of the equipment division of the second assistant's office of the postoffice department, is dead. He was appointed to the postoffice department in 1891, and with the exception of Judge Laurensen was the oldest official in point of service.

The republican state convention of Ohio will be held in Columbus, April 18-19.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey legislature providing that the death penalty shall hereafter be inflicted by electricity.

Frank Green, a son of Rear Admiral Green of the United States navy, was run over and killed by the cars near New Orleans the other day.

A special agent of the treasury department has been sent to Watertown, N. Y., to investigate the alleged opium frauds.

A company has been incorporated at Washington to establish an electro-automatic elevated railway between Baltimore and Washington, which will carry mail and merchandise between the two cities in ten minutes.

President Cleveland has signed the bill removing the political disabilities of Henry H. Marmaduke of Missouri.

Oliver Truett of York, Pa., jealous of his wife, shot her and then committed suicide.

The bonds stolen from the bank in Saco, Maine, last August, by Frank McNeely, have been recovered.

The lower house of the Des Moines legislature has passed a bill providing that non-resident aliens holding real estate in Iowa shall dispose of it within ten years, but may hold 320 acres, or city property to the amount of \$10,000; provided such is placed in actual possession of relatives, such relative or occupant to become a naturalized citizen within ten years.

The house committee on territories has decided to formulate an omnibus enabling act for the territories of Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico, and the preparation has been referred to a sub-committee.

The house committee on agriculture has decided to report favorably the Hatch bill to secure a new executive department to be known as the department of agriculture. The portions relating to a lab. or bureau in the proposed new department are omitted at the request of the labor committee.

The Hon. C. S. Carey of Orem, N. Y., has been appointed solicitor of the treasury vice Alex. McCue, appointed sub-treasurer at New York.

The bill for the admission of South Dakota as a state and the one looking to the recognition of North Dakota as a state have been adversely reported to the house.

The republican state central committee of Minnesota elected the Hon. R. G. Evans, Minneapolis, to fill vacancy on national committee caused by Senator Davis' resignation.

The fisheries commissioners have agreed upon and signed a treaty for the settlement of the difficulties between the government and Great Britain regarding the North American fisheries. The provisions of the treaty have not been made public.

The American live stock express company has been formed, and will begin operations about March 1st. The object is to carry live stock from Chicago to Hoboken in 40 hours.

The annual report of the Massachusetts bureau of labor statistics deal with but one subject—the unemployed in the state in 1888, the census year. Out of a total of 156,470 persons employed in gainful occupations in the state, 341,550, or 25.9 per cent were unemployed at their principal occupation, on an average 4.11 months during the census year, the average unemployment for persons engaged in manufactures pure and simple being 3.90 months.

Nearly a half million dollars worth of property in Providence, R. I., was destroyed by fire the other morning.

President Cleveland has appointed E. G. Spellman of Dakota to be register of the office at Devil's Lake, D. T., vice Henry W. Lord of Detroit.

Republican state convention of Iowa will be held March 21.

Charges against Gould and Sage of stealing \$3,000,000 from Kansas Pacific railroad pressed to grand jury.

M. S. Bridget Lee of Bellairs, Ohio, was burned to death the other day. Her clothing caught fire from the grate.

Hon. John Sidel, one of the best known iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania, is dead.

In a fit of jealousy at Berlin, Wis., H. W. Hacker, aged 19, of Danville, Ill., shot and killed Mabel Steink, 15 years old, and then blew out his own brains. The girl's parents live at Hollis Plains, Iowa.

A warrant has been issued at Philadelphia for the arrest of David B. Hill, treasurer of the Philadelphia Order of Elks, who is short in his accounts \$6,000.

It is reported that the Rock Island road intends to extend its lines 1,300 miles, running to Denver and the Gulf of Mexico, which extension would entail a cost of \$30,000,000, on which new bonds will be issued.

The ghost of Ralph Sharsman, a Polish Jew peddler, is said to be appearing nightly in a boarding-house at Huntington Pa., and going through antics that remind one strongly of "The Belshazzar," made famous by Mr. Henry Irving's portrayal of the character of Matthias. It is believed that Sharsman, who hailed from Chicago, was murdered.

Joseph Colley of Terra Haute, Ind., claims land in Evansville, Ind., formerly known as the Erie canal bed, now in the center of the city, and worth \$700,000, and has brought a test suit.

Unmasked men entered a bank in Cisco, Texas, the other day, bound and gagged the cashier and teller, and helped themselves to \$5,000 and skipped.

An accident occurred on the Grand Trunk railroad near Hamilton, Ont., the other morning. Three employees were killed and several passengers were seriously injured.

J. A. Zawitoski, who swindled life insurance companies out of \$5,000 by pretending to have succeeded, has turned up in the Minnesota penitentiary where he was serving under an assumed name.

August Holz, the Chicago brute who pounded his little stepson to death, has been condemned to death.

James Taylor, aged 13, of Covington, Ky., killed his father who was beating the boy's mother.

A boiler explosion on a plantation near Batavia, La., killed four men and badly scalded two.

Alfred Smith Barnes, the head of the school book publishing firm of A. S. Barnes & Co. of Philadelphia, is dead.

Commander-in-Chief Hick says President Cleveland will sign the next dependent pension bill.

The Manitoba elections resulted in a triumph for the Greenway government and the Red River Valley railway, insuring the building of the road at the earliest possible date.

The sub-committee of the house post-office committee has adversely reported the bill to prevent the circulation through the mails of newspapers containing lottery advertisements.

All the Reading coal miners have been ordered to resume work. After work has been resumed the demands of the miners are to be considered.

The Indians who took part in the Biel rebellion are starving. The government cut off all their supplies immediately after Biel's execution.

The national anti-nuisance league will soon bring in the United States supreme court of the District of Columbia to test the constitutionality of the license system. Mr. Gatchell of New York says that similar suits are to be brought in all the states to terminate in the United States supreme court. The object is to show that licenses are unconstitutional. If this can be done the league expects that prohibition legislation will follow everywhere as a matter of protection.

Ben. Hopkins, convicted cashier of the Fidelity bank of Cincinnati, is dying at his home and can't be removed to prison.

W. W. Corcoran, the aged philanthropist of Washington, is seriously ill.

Rev. James Schofield, father of Maj. Gen. Schofield, U. S. A., died in Chicago a few days ago.

FOREIGN FACTS.

Notwithstanding the favorable reports that come from Reno, the feeling is general that the crown prince of Germany is suffering from cancer, and that there can be but one result—death. The climax may be delayed one, two or possibly three years, but the patient will be a constant sufferer, and he will be unable to manage the affairs of the empire should the emperor die in his lifetime.

Russia wants the Bulgarian question settled at once, and is urging the powers to join her plan.

Austrian subjects are being hurried out of Russian Poland without warning.

A syndicate has been formed in Berlin to work the gold mines in Africa controlled by Germany.

James Fyne, the Irish Commoner, who defeated the government in his castle at Lisfarny, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment under the crimes act.

An explosion occurred in the Kreuze graben coal mine near Kaiserlautern, Bavaria, and 40 persons were killed.

The reichstag has passed the anti-socialist bill, after a six hour's debate.

A syndicate has been formed to advance the Italian government 50,000,000 francs to complete the Simplon railway tunnel.

The emperor and empress of Germany are greatly depressed because of the unfavorable condition of the crown prince.

A terrific earthquake occurred in the Province of Yunns February 18. Two thousand lives are reported lost.

Death to Priests.

Much excitement prevails in Guyaquil, owing to a Spanish priest, temporarily in charge of the bishopric of Guyaquil, having excommunicated the judges of the supreme court. A mob, in which many of the best known citizens of Guyaquil were prominent, stoned the bishop's palace; thence they went to the residence of Dr. Nevia, and threw stones at the building. Dr. Nevia and some friends fled on the crowd. Several persons were killed and wounded before soldiers appeared and restored order. The government's action in defending the church party was the cause of the trouble which, it is believed, will be more serious in its consequences.

The populace gutted the residence of the bishop to the cry of "death to the priests," although the streets were being paraded, and it was known that orders had been received to hold strict investigation as to who was responsible for the deaths caused by the fire of the police.

The first ten mile of the Panama Canal on the Atlantic end is declared open for navigation.

## CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

FEBRUARY 13, SENATE.—A petition was presented for the forfeiture of the Marquette, Superior & Ontonagon Railroad land grant in Michigan. The following bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Voorhes, to increase the pensions of those who have lost a limb or two limbs or both eyes; by Mr. Pratt, to pay \$7.50 for the passage of General Lafayette and his family from France to the United States as guests of the nation in